

## 2014 Prefiled Bills Relating to Higher Education

Report as of January 8, 2014

The 2014 Legislative Session opens on January 14, 2014. This session is the second year of the two-year continuing session of the 120th South Carolina General Assembly.

Below are available bill summaries of prefiled legislation for the 2014 Session relating to higher education or that may be of interest for higher education. The listing is not intended to be complete and additional information may be accessed as indicated below on the General Assembly's website, [www.scstatehouse.gov](http://www.scstatehouse.gov). The summaries provided are abstracts prepared by Legislative Council and are included at the beginning of each bill. Following each bill summary is the committee to which the bill has been referred.

Please note as a reminder legislation which was not passed last session continues over for consideration in the 2014 Session. Information on bills and summary reports will be posted regularly during the session on CHE's website. The direct link to these information postings is , accessible from CHE's homepage or directly at <http://www.che.sc.gov/Home/CHELegislativeUpdates.aspx>.

**(Bolded and yellow highlighted text are hyperlinked)**

### HOUSE PREFILED 2014 BILLS

On December 3 and 10, a total of 83 bills were prefiled in the House. The full listing for December 3 is available at <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/html-pages/pref14h1.htm> and for December 10 at <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/html-pages/pref14h2.htm>.

The following relate directly to higher education (number highlighted in yellow) or may be of general interest for state agencies and institutions. The bills are listed in numerical order.

**H. 4352 (Word version)** -- Rep. Sellers: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-1-505 SO AS TO REQUIRE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO RELEASE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RATE DATA BASED ON RACE OR ETHNICITY BY SEPTEMBER FIRST OF EACH YEAR; TO AMEND SECTIONS 59-1-450, 59-1-452, AS AMENDED, 59-1-453, 59-6-10, 59-16-70, 59-18-120, AS AMENDED, 59-18-310, AS AMENDED, 59-18-320, AS AMENDED, 59-18-350, AS AMENDED, 59-18-900, AS AMENDED, 59-18-920, AS AMENDED, 59-18-950, 59-18-1500, AS AMENDED, 59-18-1510, AS AMENDED, 59-18-1530, AS AMENDED, 59-18-1540, AS AMENDED, 59-18-1570, AS AMENDED, 59-18-1590, AS AMENDED, 59-18-1700, AS AMENDED, 59-18-1930, AS AMENDED, 59-21-440, 59-21-600, 59-21-1210, 59-24-65, 59-26-20, AS AMENDED, 59-28-150, 59-28-190, 59-28-200, AS AMENDED, 59-28-210, 59-29-220, 59-40-70, AS AMENDED, 59-40-230, AS AMENDED, 59-50-20, AS AMENDED, 59-63-65, 59-139-10, 59-139-40, 59-139-60, AND 59-150-325, ALL RELATING TO THE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, TO CHANGE CERTAIN REFERENCES FROM THE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, OR THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION, AND TO DELETE CERTAIN REFERENCES TO THE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, AMONG OTHER THINGS; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 59-6-15, 59-6-16, 59-6-17, 59-6-20, 59-6-30, 59-6-100, AND 59-6-110 ALL RELATING TO THE BUSINESS EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP AND EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM MONITORING; TO REPEAL SECTION 59-21-1220 RELATING TO THE CAMPUS INCENTIVE PROGRAM; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 59-24-100 AND 59-24-110 BOTH RELATING TO THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM; TO REPEAL SECTION 59-28-220 RELATING TO RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EMPLOYER TAX CREDIT INCENTIVES; TO REPEAL SECTION 59-59-170 RELATING TO THE EDUCATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, WHICH CEASED TO EXIST ON JULY 1, 2012 PURSUANT TO ACT 58 OF 2011; TO REPEAL SECTION 59-139-50 RELATING TO A PLAN FOR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 59-141-10 RELATING TO NATIONAL EDUCATION GOALS. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Education and Public Works*

**H. 4379 (Word version)** -- Rep. Putnam: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-1-180, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO

CHANGE THE DATE THAT THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MUST GIVE THIRD READING TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL WITHOUT EXTENDING THE SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT DATE FROM MARCH THIRTY-FIRST TO MARCH TENTH, AND TO EXTEND SINE DIE ADJOURNMENT BY ONE STATEWIDE DAY FOR EACH STATEWIDE DAY AFTER MAY TENTH THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FAILS TO RATIFY THE ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Judiciary*

**H. 4380 (Word version)** -- Rep. Putnam: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 11-11-145 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT BEGINNING WITH THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 ANNUAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BILL, THE FEBRUARY FIFTEENTH FINAL FORECAST OF STATE REVENUES IS DEEMED TO BE THE ANNUAL STATE REVENUE FOR WHICH STATE APPROPRIATIONS MAY NOT EXCEED PURSUANT TO SECTION 7, ARTICLE X OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THIS STATE, AND TO PROVIDE THAT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 THROUGH 2020-2021, ANY GENERAL FUND REVENUES ACCUMULATED IN A FISCAL YEAR IN EXCESS OF GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS MUST BE CREDITED TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Ways and Means*

**H. 4407 (Word version)** -- Rep. Horne: A BILL TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA JOBS, EDUCATION, AND TAX ACT", INCLUDING PROVISIONS TO AMEND CHAPTER 20, TITLE 59, RELATING TO THE EDUCATION FINANCE ACT (EFA), SO AS TO REVISE THE MANNER IN WHICH AND REQUIREMENTS UNDER WHICH EFA FUNDING IS DETERMINED AND DISTRIBUTED TO SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS INCLUDING THE CREATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAM (SCPEP) FUND INTO WHICH CERTAIN MONIES ARE CREDITED AND OUT OF WHICH PAYMENTS ARE MADE, AND TO DELETE THE INDEX OF TAXPAYING ABILITY, THE FOUNDATION PROGRAM, AND THE DEFINED MINIMUM PROGRAM AMONG OTHER PROVISIONS WHILE MAINTAINING THE REPORTING REQUIREMENTS IN COMPUTING THE INDEX OF TAXPAYING ABILITY; TO AMEND SECTION 59-21-30, RELATING TO SCHOOLS TO WHICH THE APPROPRIATION OF TEACHER SALARIES BASED ON A TERM OF ONE HUNDRED NINETY DAYS DOES NOT APPLY, SO AS TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE THAT NO SCHOOL IN ANY SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL CONTINUE TO BE OPEN A LONGER PERIOD OF TIME THAN THAT FIXED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN THE DISTRICT IN WHICH THE SCHOOL IS LOCATED, AND DELETE THE REMAINDER OF THE SECTION; TO REPEAL SECTIONS 59-21-40, 59-21-50, 59-21-60, 59-21-110, 59-21-120, 59-21-160, AND 59-21-1030 RELATING TO STATE AID FOR SCHOOLS, AND THE EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT FUND AND THE EDUCATION IMPROVEMENT ACT REQUIRED MINIMUM EFFORT; TO AMEND SECTION 59-21-1010, RELATING TO THE DISPOSITION AND ALLOCATION OF CERTAIN SCHOOL REVENUES UNDER THE EIA, SO AS TO REDIRECT THE DEPOSIT OF SPECIFIED FUNDS INTO THE SCPEP FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 59-29-170, RELATING TO PROGRAMS FOR TALENTED STUDENTS, SO AS TO REVISE HOW THE SPECIFIC FUNDING FOR CERTAIN STUDENTS IS DETERMINED; TO AMEND SECTION 59-35-10, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF KINDERGARTEN CLASSES, SO AS TO REVISE PUPIL WEIGHTINGS, AND DELETE A REQUIREMENT FOR LOCAL MATCH FUNDING FOR EXTENDED DAY KINDERGARTEN; TO AMEND SECTION 59-40-140, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUES AND RESOURCES IN REGARD TO CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING, SO AS TO DELETE CERTAIN REFERENCES TO EFA PROVISIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-63-65, RELATING TO FUNDING FOR CLASS SIZE REDUCTIONS, SO AS TO DELETE CERTAIN LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-63-1380, RELATING TO FUNDING FOR ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL PROGRAMS, SO AS TO REVISE THE FUNDING CRITERIA FOR THESE PROGRAMS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-69-110, RELATING TO THE CREATION OF RESERVE FUNDS TO FINANCE SCHOOLS, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THESE RESERVE FUNDS; TO REPEAL SECTION 59-69-120 RELATING TO THE USE OF RESERVE FUNDS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-69-215, RELATING TO THE COUNTY TREASURER DISBURSING FUNDS TO SCHOOL DISTRICTS, SO AS TO REVISE THE MANNER OF THE DISBURSEMENT AND THE INVESTMENT OF SUCH FUNDS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-69-240, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT A COUNTY TREASURER REPORT MONTHLY TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION PERTAINING TO HIS COLLECTIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS OF SCHOOL FUNDS, SO AS TO DELETE A PENALTY FOR A COUNTY TREASURER TO FAIL TO PERFORM THESE DUTIES, AND TO GRANT SUPERINTENDENTS OF EDUCATION ACCESS TO THESE RECORDS; TO AMEND CHAPTER 73, TITLE 59, RELATING TO SCHOOL TAXES, SO AS TO DELETE CERTAIN LOCAL LAWS DELEGATING AD VALOREM TAXING AUTHORITY FOR THE OPERATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS, AND TO REVISE AND FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE LEVY AND DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL TAXES, INCLUDING A PROVISION THAT THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES FOR SCHOOL OPERATING PURPOSES NOT TO EXCEED EIGHT PERCENT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ASSESSED VALUE OF PROPERTY NOTWITHSTANDING CERTAIN MILLAGE LIMITATIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-144-100, RELATING TO THE ALLOCATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITIES ASSISTANCE FUNDS, SO AS TO REVISE THE

AMOUNT OF FUNDS TO BE DISTRIBUTED AND THE SOURCE OF THESE FUNDS; TO REPEAL SECTION 59-1-449 RELATING TO THE REPORTING OF FUNDING REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-19-80, RELATING TO REQUIREMENTS AS TO PURCHASES AND TEACHER EMPLOYMENT, SO AS TO REVISE THESE REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 4-1-170, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE JOINT DEVELOPMENT OF INDUSTRIAL PARKS, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE CALCULATION OF ASSESSED VALUE WITHIN MULTICOUNTY PARKS; TO AMEND SECTION 4-9-70, RELATING TO THE POWERS OF COUNTY COUNCILS WITH REGARD TO ESTABLISHING SCHOOL MILLAGE, SO AS TO DELETE CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS AND MANDATES OF THE SECTION; TO AMEND SECTIONS 6-1-300 AND 6-1-320, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS IN REGARD TO THE AUTHORITY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO ASSESS TAXES AND FEES, SO AS TO CLARIFY THAT THE DEFINITION OF "LOCAL GOVERNING BODY" DOES NOT MEAN THE GOVERNING BODY OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND TO DELETE CERTAIN AUTHORITY OF A LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION IN REGARD TO SCHOOL MILLAGE; TO AMEND SECTIONS 11-11-155 AND 11-11-156, RELATING TO THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FUND AND REIMBURSEMENTS FROM THE FUND, SO AS TO DELETE THE FUND AND REVISE THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH REVENUE DEPOSITED IN THE FUND MUST BE USED, AND TO PRESERVE CERTAIN PROVISIONS REGARDING REIMBURSEMENTS FOR ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS, CAREER SCHOOLS, COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION, AND TIFs; TO AMEND SECTION 12-4-510, RELATING TO THE POWER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN REGARD TO CERTAIN LEVIES MADE BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SO AS TO INCLUDE THE LEVY OF A STATEWIDE UNIFORM MILLAGE UNDER ARTICLE 27, CHAPTER 37, TITLE 12; TO AMEND SECTION 12-4-520, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO DEALINGS WITH COUNTY TAX OFFICIALS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY AUDITORS, COUNTY ASSESSORS, AND COUNTY TREASURERS ARE CORRECTLY ASSESSING, LEVYING, COLLECTING, AND REMITTING THE REVENUE RAISED BY THE STATE UNIFORM MILLAGE FOR THE SCPEP ESTABLISHED IN ARTICLE 27, CHAPTER 37, TITLE 12; TO AMEND SECTION 12-37-220, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO ASSESSMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES, SO AS TO EXEMPT A PORTION OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY OF MANUFACTURERS FROM PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE IMPOSED FOR SCHOOL OPERATIONS AND TO REVISE THE HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FROM PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE IMPOSED FOR SCHOOL OPERATIONS, SO AS TO ALLOW SUCH MILLAGE TO BE IMPOSED ON HOMESTEADS PURSUANT TO REFERENDUM; BY ADDING ARTICLE 27 TO CHAPTER 37, TITLE 12, SO AS TO IMPOSE A STATE UNIFORM MILLAGE OF ONE HUNDRED MILLS TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE SCPEP, TO PROVIDE THAT THIS MILLAGE IS NOT SUBJECT TO ROLLBACK AND IS APPLICABLE TO FEES-IN-LIEU-OF-TAXES, WITHOUT ANY SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE BONDS OR CREDITS OR OTHER DIVERSION FROM THE SCPEP, AND TO REQUIRE COUNTY TREASURERS TO SEND TO THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ALL EXISTING FEES-IN-LIEU-OF-TAXES FOR SCHOOL OPERATING PURPOSES, ALL OF WHICH IS TO BE DEPOSITED TO THE SCPEP FUND; TO AMEND SECTION 12-43-296, RELATING TO PREPARATION OF BUDGETS AND THE CARRY FORWARD OF POSITIVE GENERAL FUND BALANCES, SO AS TO SPECIFY WHAT GENERAL FUND BALANCES MAY BE CARRIED FORWARD BY SCHOOL DISTRICTS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-43-350, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE STANDARDIZED TAX BILL FOR REAL PROPERTY, SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE CONTENTS OF THE STANDARDIZED TAX BILL. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Ways and Means*

**H. 4414 (Word version)** -- Rep. Limehouse: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 9 TO CHAPTER 104, TITLE 59 SO AS TO CREATE THE PALMETTO PAY FORWARD, PAY BACK PILOT PROGRAM; TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION SHALL CREATE A SYSTEM IN WHICH A PERSON ACCEPTED TO ATTEND A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING IN THIS STATE CAN FORGO PAYING TUITION AND FEES IN EXCHANGE FOR CONTRACTING WITH THE INSTITUTION TO PAY IT OR THE STATE A PERCENTAGE OF HIS INCOME FOR A SPECIFIED NUMBER OF YEARS AFTER GRADUATION, AMONG OTHER THINGS; AND TO PROVIDE THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT ITS PROPOSED PILOT PROGRAM TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2015. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Education and Public Works*

**H. 4419 (Word version)** -- Rep. Patrick: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-425 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT A SCHOOL PRINCIPAL MAY SELECT FOR HIS SCHOOL TEACHERS WHO DEMONSTRATE THEIR QUALIFICATIONS AND EFFECTIVENESS UNDER THE EVALUATION SYSTEM, TO PROVIDE THAT A SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY ADOPT OPTIONS FOR CERTAIN TEACHERS WHO ARE DISPLACED AND NOT SELECTED FOR A REGULAR POSITION, AND TO PROVIDE THAT A DISTRICT MAY PLACE A TEACHER IN CERTAIN LIMITED ASSIGNMENTS; BY ADDING SECTION 59-25-445 SO AS TO PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR THE DISMISSAL OR DEMOTING OF TEACHERS WHO RECEIVE CERTAIN DEFICIENT RATINGS ON AN ANNUAL PERFORMANCE

EVALUATION AND SUBSEQUENTLY FAIL TO REMEDY THE DEFICIENCIES; BY ADDING SECTION 59-26-25 SO AS TO PROVIDE THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL REVIEW THE RESULTS OF CERTAIN PILOT EVALUATION SYSTEMS TO DETERMINE THE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NEEDS OF TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS AND TO MAKE ADJUSTMENTS TO THE SYSTEM FOR FULL IMPLEMENTATION IN SCHOOL YEAR 2014-2015, TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS CONCERNING A STATEWIDE STUDENT GROWTH MODEL FOR DETERMINING STUDENT GROWTH ON ASSESSMENTS FOR PURPOSES OF TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL EVALUATIONS, TO PROVIDE OR HELP TO DEVELOP TRAINING FOR EVALUATORS AND A RESOURCE BANK THAT A LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY USE TO DEVELOP ITS EVALUATION SYSTEM, TO PROVIDE A DEFAULT EVALUATION SYSTEM AS AN ALTERNATIVE FOR DISTRICTS UNABLE TO DEVELOP THEIR OWN LOCAL SYSTEM IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, TO REVIEW AND APPROVE STUDENT ASSESSMENTS TO ENSURE ALIGNMENT WITH STATE STANDARDS BEFORE THEY ARE USED TO EVALUATE TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS AND PROVIDE OR APPROVE EVALUATION FORMS USED TO EVALUATE TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS, TO INCLUDE CERTAIN DATA LINKS IN ITS LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM AND TO REQUIRE A PUBLIC REPORT OF THIS DATA, AND TO REVIEW THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TEACHER AND PRINCIPAL EVALUATION IN THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND ENSURING THE EVALUATIONS ARE APPROPRIATELY ADMINISTERED; BY ADDING SECTION 59-26-35 SO AS TO REQUIRE THAT A LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST IMPLEMENT A SYSTEM FOR EVALUATING ANNUAL AND CONTINUING CONTRACT TEACHERS IN A CERTAIN MANNER; TO AMEND SECTION 59-20-50, RELATING TO SALARY SCHEDULES FOR TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS AND PROVIDE NECESSARY DEFINITIONS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-24-40, RELATING TO STATEWIDE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR PRINCIPALS, SO AS TO REVISE THE REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-25-310, RELATING TO THE AUTHORITY OF A SCHOOL DISTRICT TO HIRE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE RECEIVED A PASSPORT CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE AMERICAN BOARD FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF TEACHER EXCELLENCE, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE DISTRICTS ALSO MAY HIRE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ALTERNATIVELY CERTIFIED PURSUANT TO CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-25-320, RELATING TO A MANDATORY BACKGROUND CHECK FOR A PERSON WHO HAS RECEIVED A PASSPORT CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE AMERICAN BOARD FOR THE CERTIFICATION OF TEACHER EXCELLENCE, SO AS TO APPLY THE REQUIREMENT TO PEOPLE WITH CERTAIN ALTERNATIVE CERTIFICATION; TO AMEND SECTION 59-25-330, RELATING TO ALTERNATIVE ROUTE TEACHER CERTIFICATION, SO AS TO EXPAND CRITERIA FOR THIS CERTIFICATION; TO AMEND SECTION 59-25-340, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF PASSING THE SOUTH CAROLINA ADOPTED PEDAGOGY EXAMINATION FOR PEOPLE SEEKING ALTERNATIVE TEACHER CERTIFICATION, SO AS TO FURTHER REQUIRE THE EXAMINATION FOR A PERSON WITH AN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE CERTIFICATION; TO AMEND SECTION 59-25-350, RELATING TO REPORTS OF PEOPLE WITH A PASSPORT CERTIFICATE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, SO AS TO INCLUDE PEOPLE WITH CERTAIN ALTERNATIVE ROUTE CERTIFICATES IN THIS REPORTING REQUIREMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 59-25-460, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF A NOTICE OF DISMISSAL AND HEARING BEFORE A TEACHER MAY BE DISMISSED, SO AS TO PROVIDE SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CHARGE AND RELATED PROCEDURES; TO AMEND SECTION 59-26-30, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO COGNITIVE ASSESSMENTS FOR TEACHERS AND TEACHER CERTIFICATION, SO AS TO MODIFY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE ASSESSMENT AND REQUIRE THE PROMULGATION OF CERTAIN RELATED REGULATIONS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-26-40, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO TEACHER CONTRACTS, EVALUATIONS, AND THE TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT FOR ANNUAL CONTRACT TEACHERS, SO AS TO APPLY THE PROVISIONS TO TEACHERS CERTIFIED THROUGH ALTERNATIVE ROUTE CERTIFICATION AND MODIFY EXISTING REQUIREMENTS. *Prefiled and referred to Committee on Education and Public Works*

## SENATE PREFILED 2014 BILLS

On December 10 and 17, a total of 102 bills were prefiled in the Senate. The full listing for December 10 is available at <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/html-pages/pref14s1.htm> and for December 17, <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/html-pages/pref14s2.htm>.

The following relate directly to higher education (number highlighted in yellow) or may be of general interest for agencies and institutions. The bills are listed in numerical order.

**S. 810 (Word version)** -- Senators Peeler, McGill, Alexander and Hayes: A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 20, TITLE 2, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO NONJUDICIAL SCREENING AND ELECTION, SO AS TO CREATE THE COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY TRUSTEE SCREENING COMMISSION TO CONSIDER THE QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR TRUSTEES TO STATE-SUPPORTED COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMISSION, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE INVESTIGATIVE, NOMINATION, AND ELECTION PROCESSES. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.*

**S. 844 (Word version)** -- Senator Cleary: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 2-1-260 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY APPOINTMENT NOT MADE IN A YEAR BY THE GOVERNOR, AN ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICER, OR AN ELECTED PUBLIC ENTITY BE TRANSFERRED TO AN APPROPRIATE LEGISLATIVE GROUP TO MAKE THE APPOINTMENT. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.*

**S. 884 (Word version)** -- Senator Sheheen: A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 2-20-35 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE ELECTION OF A TRUSTEE TO A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY; TO PROVIDE THAT THE FINDINGS OF FACT PRODUCED BY THE SCREENING COMMITTEE MUST CONTAIN AN ANALYSIS OF THE DEMOGRAPHIC REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRIOR TO THE VACANCY AND AS A RESULT OF THE VACANCY. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Judiciary.*

**S. 888 (Word version)** -- Senators Campsen, Courson, Hayes, Grooms, Peeler, L. Martin and Verdin: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, SO AS TO ENACT THE "ACADEMIC STANDARDS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT"; BY ADDING SECTION 59-18-355 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN RECOMMENDED REVISIONS AND OTHER CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO A STATEWIDE CORE ACADEMIC AREA CONTENT STANDARD THAT THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION CONSIDERS FOR APPROVAL AS AN ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURE MUST RECEIVE BOTH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE AND THE APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY JOINT RESOLUTION TO BE ADOPTED AND IMPLEMENTED, EXCEPT THAT GENERAL ASSEMBLY APPROVAL IS NOT NEEDED FOR A REVISION, CHANGE, OR ADDITION DEVELOPED BY THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, TO PROVIDE THAT CERTAIN RECOMMENDED REVISIONS AND OTHER CHANGES OR ADDITIONS TO STATEWIDE ACADEMIC ASSESSMENTS THAT THE BOARD CONSIDERS FOR APPROVAL AS AN ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURE MUST RECEIVE THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE COMMITTEE TO BE ADOPTED AND IMPLEMENTED, TO PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE AND THE DEPARTMENT SHALL NOTIFY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE GOVERNOR BEFORE INITIATING A CHANGE TO AN EXISTING STATEWIDE ACADEMIC CONTENT STANDARD OR STATEWIDE ACADEMIC ASSESSMENT, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE CODE SECTION MAY NOT BE INTERPRETED TO PREVENT THE DEPARTMENT, BOARD, AND COMMITTEE FROM CONSIDERING THE BEST PRACTICES IN EDUCATION STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENTS WHILE DEVELOPING ITS OWN STANDARDS; TO AMEND SECTION 59-18-320, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT NEW STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENTS REQUIRED TO BE DEVELOPED AND ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR USE AS AN ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURE MUST BE DEVELOPED AND ADOPTED UPON THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE EDUCATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE, SO AS TO DELETE THE REQUIREMENT; AND TO AMEND SECTION 59-18-350, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO A MANDATORY CYCLICAL REVIEW OF STATE STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENTS, SO AS TO MAKE CONFORMING CHANGES. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Education.*

**S. 901 (Word version)** -- Senator Shealy: A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-517 SO AS TO REPLACE THE INCOME TAX IMPOSED ON THE TAXABLE INCOME OF INDIVIDUALS, ESTATES, TRUSTS, AND CERTAIN OTHER ENTITIES IN TAX YEARS BEGINNING AFTER 2013 BY REDUCING THE RATE OF TAXATION BY 1.4 PERCENT EACH YEAR UNTIL THE TAX RATE FOR ALL BRACKETS IS ZERO PERCENT. *Prefiled and referred to the Committee on Finance.*